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1. HENRY KISSINGER, WHOSE PRESENCE IN STOCKHOLM HAS ATTRACTED A LARGE DOSE OF MEDIA ATTENTION, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON JUNE 5. SHARING THE PODIUM WITH KISSINGER WERE DAVID ROCKEFELLER AND VOLVO PRESIDENT PER GYLLENHAMMAR. KISSINGER'S COMMENTS WERE GIVEN MAJOR PLAY ON TV NETWORK NEWSCASTS AND WERE THE SUBJECT OF MAJOR PRESS ARTICLES AND EDITORIALS IN SWEDEN'S LARGEST DAILIES. PRINCIPAL AMONG THE POINTS THAT KISSINGER MADE WERE THE FOLLOWING:

A. USSR RELATIONS: THE SOVIET RAPID ARMS BUILD-UP HAS ENABLED THEM TO INTERVENE MINITARILY AROUND THE WORLD. OUR RELATIONS WITH THE RUSSIANS MUST BE JUDGED ACROSS THE BOARD. WE SHOULD NOT PERMIT THEM TO ARBITRARILY CHOOSE WHEN TO ADHERE TO DETENTE AND WHEN NOT.

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B. SOVIET CREDIT: KISSINGER EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE LARGE AMOUNTS OF CREDIT WHICH WESTERN BANKS ARE EXTENDING TO THE SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES. KISSINGER COUNSELED AGAINST USING THE CREDIT WEAPON TO INFLUENCE THE SOVIET DOMESTIC SYSTEM, BUT SAID THE WESTERN BANK LOANS SHOULD NOT BE FINANCING SOVIET EXPANSION ABROAD. THE \$4-5 BILLION A YEAR THAT THE SOVIET

UNION PROVIDES TO CUBA IS UNACCEPTABLE. KISSINGER SUGGESTED A CODE OF CONDUCT SETTING FORTH CRITERIA FOR EXTENDING LOANS TO THE USSR.

C. ZAIRE: KISSINGER PRAISED GISGARD'S DECISION TO SEND TROOPS TO ZAIRE, TERMING IT OF GREATEST INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE. THE PROBLEM NOW IS TO GET ZAIRE BACK ON ITS FEET AGAIN.

D. TERRORISM: TO A QUESTION CONCERNING THE RED BRIGADES, KISSINGER TOOK NOTE OF INDICATIONS THAT COMMUNIST COUNTRIES ARE FURNISHING TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS WITH WEAPONS AND OTHER SUPPORT. KISSINGER SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN THIS REGARD. SUCH POLICY COULD HAVE DEEP INTERNATIONAL CONSEQUENCES.

E. SALT: KISSINGER WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE CHANCES FOR CONCLUDING A NEW AGREEMENT, PROVIDING THE RUSSIANS DO NOT PUSH TOO FAR.

F. MIDDLE EAST: KISSINGER SOUNDED AN OPTIMISTIC NOTE HERE AS WELL, SAYING HE STILL EXPECTS THE SADAT PEACE INITIATIVE TO BEAR FRUIT. HE FORESEES NO NEW OIL CRISIS.

G. SWEDEN: KISSINGER EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH SWEDEN' POLICY OF NEUTRALITY, ADMIRATION FOR ITS STRONG DEFENSE, AND APPRECIATION OF ITS ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. KISSINGER NOTED WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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A SMILE SWEDISH CLAIMS OF MORAL SUPERIORITY, HERETOFORE A US MONOPOLY.
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